

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, Congressman John W. Olver (D-1st District) announced that he has nominated 13 high school students from the 1st Congressional District of Massachusetts to U.S. Military Academies. These include West Point Academy, the Air Force Academy, the Naval Academy, the Merchant Marine Academy and the Coast Guard Academy. Each candidate must receive a nomination from a federal official in order to be considered by the academy's admissions office.

"I was very impressed with the individuals I nominated and I am pleased to announce their names," Olver said. "I applaud their commitment to their country and to continuing their education."

In order to be considered, candidates must be between the ages of 17 and 23, single with no legal dependents, and must have a strong academic record. The various academies have differing additional requirements. Generally, beyond submitting a written application, nominees must also pass a rigorous physical aptitude test in order to be considered. "Although this nomination does not necessarily mean admission, these students should be very proud of their accomplishments. I am pleased that the 1st

Congressional District has produced such a promising crop of young people," Olver added.

Nominees will learn if they have been admitted this spring. The nominees are listed below, followed by their hometown, and the academy to which they were nominated:

Michael Amato

Belchertown

US Naval Academy

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Michael Bernier

Sterling

US Naval Academy & West Point

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John Cronin

Lunenburg

US Naval Academy & West Point

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Christopher Desilets

Gill

Air Force Academy, US Naval Academy & West Point

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Kyla Dickson

Barre

West Point

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Matthew Dion

Pepperell

US Naval Academy

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Timothy Hendrickson

Sterling

Air Force Academy

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Christopher Hudachek

Orange

US Naval Academy & West Point

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William Larkin

Pittsfield

US Naval Academy

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Carl Rossi

Sterling

Air Force Academy & US Naval Academy

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Jennifer Skawski

Winchendon

West Point

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Adam Wolfe

Southwick

West Point

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Sean Zoufaly

Belchertown

Air Force Academy, Merchant Marine Academy & US Naval Academy

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